

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year; and

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to stand alongside advocates, victim service providers, law enforcement, and our criminal justice system as they hold offenders accountable and provide care and support to survivors; and

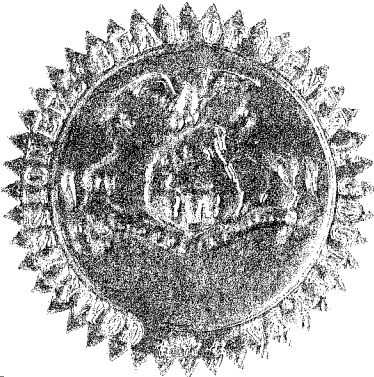
WHEREAS, the Centre County Women's Resource Center provided services to 1,096 people in our community who experienced domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, we encourage domestic violence victims and their families to seek assistance from the Centre County Women's Resource Center by calling their 24 hour hotline at 1-877-234-5050; and

WHEREAS, let us honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month and survivors by promoting peace in our own families, homes, and communities and renew our commitment to end domestic violence here in Centre County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the work done by agencies and organizations that provide services to victims of domestic violence and to honor survivors, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and urges all citizens to work towards the elimination of domestic violence in our community.

ADOPTED this 7th day of October, 2014.



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